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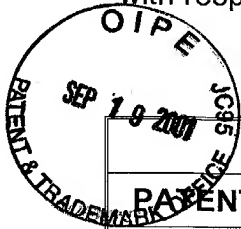
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to a disk motor with an armature disk, which is rotatably mounted and provided with permanent magnets, and with a stator which comprises a stator plate which is equipped with coils. The aim of the invention is to provide a disk motor that is as flat as possible and that is characterized by an improved smoothness of running. To this end, an annular soft-magnetic prestressing device is arranged concentrically on the stator plate in such a manner that at least one section of the prestressing device is located below the coil window of the coils in the axial direction. The armature disk may support an annular flux-return element opposite which the annular prestressing device is located in the radial direction. Said prestressing device has a cross-sectional contour that guides the magnetic lines of electric flux from the annular flux-return element to the coil window.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the

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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS		
PATENT/DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY
34 25 805	Janaury 23, 1986	DE
35 28 303	March 13, 1986	DE
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ARTICLES		
H.-D. Stolting, A. Beisse, <u>Elektrische Kleinmaschinen</u> , Verlag Teubner, 1987, p. 169ff and p. 186ff		

Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

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